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TAGS: ETRD, EMIN, EEC  
SUBJECT: COMMUNITY ACTION ON PHOSPHATE PROBLEM

REF: (A) STATE 7118; (B) PARIS 651

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH MISSION OFFICERS JANUARY 14, DG-I  
US DESK OFFICER LOERKE INDICATED THAT COMMISSION IS READY TO  
HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH MEMBER STATES ON BASIS OF MATERIAL  
THEY HAVE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO PROBLEMS  
IN THE PHOSPHATE FERTILIZER INDUSTRY. LOERKE SAID THAT A  
SPECIAL WORKING GROUP OF THE ARTICLE 113 COMMITTEE WILL MEET  
ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 20. HE INDICATED THAT COUNTRIES  
WHICH ARE EXPRESSING THE MOST CONCERN ABOUT PRICING POLICIES  
OF US FIRMS ARE FRANCE AND ITALY AND TO A LESSER DEGREE  
IRELAND.

2. LOERKE STATED THAT IT HAS BEEN DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN AN  
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ACCURATE PICTURE OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE EUROPEAN  
MARKET. EARLIER CONCERNS ABOUT DOUBLE PRICING OF ROCK  
TO US AND EUROPEAN USERS HAVE APPARENTLY LESSENED BUT  
FRENCH AND ITALIANS STILL BELIEVE THAT OBJECTIVE OF  
SOME US FIRMS IS TO ELIMINATE EUROPEAN FERTILIZER  
PRODUCERS.

3. LOERKE WAS AWARE OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE VISA REQUIRE-  
MENT BUT PROFESSED IGNORANCE OF THE POSSIBILITY THAT IT  
HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO A RESTRICTIVE DEVICE. HE SAID  
THAT HE WOULD QUESTION THE FRENCH ON THE OPERATION OF THE  
VISA REQUIREMENT AT NEXT WEEK'S MEETING. LOERKE BELIEVES  
THAT THE COMMISSION WILL BE ASKING FOR FURTHER CONSULTATIONS  
WITH US SOON AFTER THAT MEETING. HE THOUGHT THAT ONE  
POSSIBLE THOUGH UNLIKELY, OUTCOME OF COMMUNITY DISCUSSION COULD  
BE TEMPORARY SAFEGUARD ACTIONS FOR FRANCE, ITALY AND PERHAPS  
IRELAND WHERE HE SAID THERE IS A "SMALL QUANTITATIVE  
PROBLEM". HE EMPHASIZED THAT NO REPEAT NO COMMUNITY ACTION  
WOULD BE TAKEN UNTIL AFTER COMMISSION-USG CONSULTATIONS.  
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